with the Mother Dairy's Fruit and Vegetable plant at Mangolpuri, Delhi who are not depositing PF under the EPF Scheme, 1952. Legal action under 7A and 14 of the EPF and MP Act, has been initiated.

Criticism of India's Economic Liberalisation Programme by ASEAN

*332. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that India's economic liberalisation programme came in for heavy criticism at the recent ASEAN meeting;

(b) if so, what steps the Ministry of External Affairs has taken to prevent such criticism on economic issues in future;

(c) the role played by the Ministry in creating goodwill which can translate into foreign investments in the country; and

(d) what is the details analysis of various critical statements made against India at the above meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) No, Sir. There was no criticism of India's economic liberalisation programme at the recent ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference (PMC) in Kuala Lumpur. In fact, at the PMC all the ASEAN countries appreciated the progress made in Indo-ASEAN economic cooperation including in trade, investment and infrastructure in the past year since India became a full Dialogue Partner of ASEAN.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

(c) The Government has been actively involved in promoting foreign investment into India particularly through our Missions abroad. Encouraging foreign investors to invest in India is a concerted and ongoing effort. The steps undertaken for this purpose involve publicity, seminars, interaction with business leaders abroad and providing guidance and information to foreign investors at various stages as also exchanges between apex chambers of commerce and industry and joint venture partners.

Mismanagement in the Rashtriya Ayurveda Sansthan

*333. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem published in Rajasthan Patrika, Jaipur, dated the 20th June, 1997, under the caption "Rashtriya Ayurveda Sansthan Kuparbandhan Ka Paryay";

(b) if so what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have taken any action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

There are ten sanctioned posts for Professors of these nine posts have been lying vacant due to retirement of the incumbents in position/non-filling up newly created posts. Advertisements have been made from time to time for recruitment. However, due to non availability of suitable candidates the posts could not be filled up. Meanwhile NIA Service Rules were processed for amendments and finally amended rules were notified on 29.3.97. Vacancies have now been again advertised and applications received.

There are 38 Nursing staff pharmacists in the Hospital to cater to the needs of nursing. The staff is available round the clock.

Out of 12 Departments Post-graduate courses are run in 9 disciplines of Ayurveda. Though intake capacity of these